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July 1 Cattle Inventory Down 3 Percent from 2012

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2014, totaled 95.0 million head, 3 percent below the 97.8 million on July 1, 2012. This is the lowest all cattle and calves inventory for July 1 since the series began in 1973. After a year absence due to sequestration, the July Cattle report has been reinstated.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.0 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2012. Beef cows, at 29.7 million, were down 3 percent from July 1, 2012. Milk cows, at 9.3 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2012.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2014 and the changes from July 1, 2012, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 14.9 million, down 5 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.1 million, down 2 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.9 million, down 5 percent.
- Other heifers, 6.9 million, down 7 percent.
- Steers, weighing 500 pounds and over, 13.5 million, down 4 percent.
- Bulls, weighing 500 pounds and over, 1.9 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 25.7 million, down 3 percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.6 million, down 6 percent.

The 2014 calf crop is expected to be 33.6 million, down 1 percent from 2013 and down 2 percent from 2012. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 24.3 million, down 2 percent from 2013 and down 3 percent from 2012.

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